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BOND INFORMATION PROVIDING SYSTEM AND STOCK INVESTMENT GAME SYSTEM

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May 17, 2002 (20020517) PUBLISHED:

INVENTOR(s): IWATSUKI HIDEKI APPLICANT(s): QUANTS RESEARCH KK

2001-188461 [JP 2001188461] APPL. NO.: June 21, 2001 (20010621) FILED:

2000-291235 [JP 2000291235], JP (Japan), August 20, 2000 PRIORITY:

(20000820)

G06F-017/60 ; A63F-013/00; A63F-013/12 INTL CLASS:

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To find a desired stock name relatively easily.

SOLUTION: This system is equipped with a storage means 13 which stores factor values by stock names and a processing means 12 which sends a rearranging weight input field where rearranging weights are inputted by factors to a user terminal 1, computes the evaluation of a stock name according to the rearranging weights inputted to the input field and the factor values of the stock names, and sends a name list display field having been sorted in evaluation order to the user terminal 1. The processing means 12 sends an object range setting field wherein minimum or/and maximum values are set by the factors to the user terminal 1 and only stock names within a range limited in the object range setting field is regarded as objects of operation for evaluation.

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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ELECTRONIC MAP RETRIEVAL AND RECORDING MEDIUM WITH RECORDED ELECTRONIC MAP RETRIEVING PROGRAM

2001-229182 [JP 2001229182 A] PUB. NO.:

August 24, 2001 (20010824) PUBLISHED:

INVENTOR(s): FUKAYA KOJI

APPLICANT(s): HITACHI ENG CO LTD

APPL. NO.: 2000-039795 [JP 200039795] FILED: February 14, 2000 (20000214)

G06F-017/30; G06T-011/60; G09B-029/00; G09B-029/10; INTL CLASS:

G01C-021/00

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an electronic map retrieval system which has high retrieval precision and can correct a display position.

SOLUTION: This device is provided with a retrieval means 32 which computes property data retrieved by decomposing a retrieval key word into elements and weighting them, and rates of matching, a candidate plate list display means 33 which lists and displays the retrieved property data as candidate places in the decreasing order of the matching rates, a map display means 34 which displays a map according to the candidate place list, a position correcting means 35 which corrects the position of a target position mark displayed on the retrieved map, and a correction position storage means 23 which stores the corrected position on the map.

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DOCUMENT RETRIEVING DEVICE

PUB. NO.: 2001-134588 [JP 2001134588 A]

PUBLISHED: May 18, 2001 (20010518)

INVENTOR(s): MANO HIROKO

OGAWA YASUTSUGU

APPLICANT(s): RICOH CO LTD

APPL. NO.: 11-314442 [JP 99314442] FILED: November 04, 1999 (19991104)

INTL CLASS: G06F-017/30

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an information retrieving device which determines the weight of each word so as to retrieve a document matching an inputted key word and can retrieve the matching document with stable retrieval precision.

SOLUTION: A document ranking part 22 selects a set of documents matching a key word 10 from a document database 25 having retrieval object documents and word statistic information 25' included in them. At this time, a calculation expression with which weight never becomes minus is used for weighting. A word ranking part 23 selects words in a matching document D according to relativity, generates a new key word F obtained by adding them as key word relative words to the original key word, and selects a matching document 30 with the new key word F.

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DOCUMENT CALIBRATION DEVICE

PUB. NO.: 2000-259625 [JP 2000259625 A] PUBLISHED: September 22, 2000 (20000922)

INVENTOR(s): IBUKI JUN

NISHINO FUMITO

APPLICANT(s): FUJITSU LTD

APPL. NO.: 11-063657 [JP 9963657] FILED: March 10, 1999 (19990310)

INTL CLASS: G06F-017/27

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To make it possible to automatically estimate an error part by utilizing a text whose error generation inclination has been determined.

SOLUTION: An error candidate detection part 1 includes error candidate word group knowledge 1a and detects error candidate words from an inputted text. A co-occurrence information extraction part 2 extracts various co-occurrence information corresponding to the error candidate words from the inputted text. A control part 3 controls the detection part 1 and the extraction part 2 so as to extract co-occurrence information over the whole text area. The extracted co-occurrence data are integrated by a statistic information totalization part 4 and the appearance patterns of a target word in the whole document are totalized. An error judgment part 5 judges whether error candidates extracted on the basis of the co-occurrence

information are correct or not. It is also available to correct the knowledge of an error candidate word group by preparing an error statistic integration part 6 for integrating statistic information concerned with errors or a similarity evaluation part 8 for evaluating the similarity of two words in the error word group.

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METHOD FOR CALCULATING DEGREE OF SIMILARITY BETWEEN WORDS

PUB. NO.: 06-208590 [JP 6208590 A] PUBLISHED: July 26, 1994 (19940726)

INVENTOR(s): SAI SUSUMU KOMATSU EIJI YASUHARA HIROSHI

APPLICANT(s): NIPPON DENSHIKA JISHO KENKYUSHO KK [000000] (A Japanese

Company or Corporation), JP (Japan)

APPL. NO.: 05-003333 [JP 933333] FILED: January 12, 1993 (19930112)

INTL CLASS: [5] G06F-015/40; G06F-015/20; G06F-015/38

JAPIO CLASS: 45.4 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Computer Applications); 30.2

(MISCELLANEOUS GOODS -- Sports & Recreation)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To calculate the degree of **similarity** between polysemy **words** or between **words** in **different** languages by using a word dictionary describing corresponding relation between each word and its concept and a concept system describing the master-slave relation of concepts and independent of languages in respect to a similarity degree calculating method for calculating the degree of **similarity** between **words**.

CONSTITUTION: This similarity degree calculating method is provided with the word dictionary 1 and the concept system 2, concept groups corresponding to plural inputted words are respectively extracted by retrieving the dictionary 1, the degree .alpha. of similarity between the extracted concept groups is calculated, corresponding master concepts (and/or slave concepts) are extracted from these extracted concept groups by retrieving the system 2, and the degree .beta. of similarity between the extracted master concepts (and/or the slave concepts) is calculated. These degrees .alpha., .beta. of similarity are weighted to calculate the degree .delta.of similarity as the degree of similarity between words.

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SYSTEM FOR CHANGING DIGIT LENGTH OF PICTURE ITEM

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INVENTOR(s): KUDO MITSUAKI

APPLICANT(s): NEC CORP [000423] (A Japanese Company or Corporation), JP

(Japan)

APPL. NO.: 62-128916 [JP 87128916] FILED: May 25, 1987 (19870525)

INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-003/02; G06F-003/14

JAPIO CLASS: 45.3 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Input Output Units)

JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 846, Vol. 13, No. 120, Pg. 65, March

24, 1989 (19890324)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To reduce the time and labor for preparation, by changing a frame by a ruled mark and the positions of each header and each another item for new digit length by changing the digit length of a part of items for a picture for inquiry processing. CONSTITUTION: In an item digit length change procedure 14, the change of the number of rows checked by a change item checking procedure 13 is performed by inputting the new digit length from a keyboard input device $4\,$ by an operator, and the increased/ decreased value of the new digit length from present digit length is calculated. Next, in a header position moving procedure 15, the header position being displayed in a right direction is moved rightward or leftward setting the left end position of a change item as a start point by increasing/decreasing by the above increased/decreased position change procedure 16, the item value. In the next item being displayed in the right direction is moved rightward or position

value. In the next item position change procedure 16, the item position being displayed in the right direction is moved rightward or leftward setting the left end position of the change item by increasing/decreasing by the increased/decreased value. Also, in a ruled mark frame change procedure 17, the position of the frame by the ruled mark being displayed in the right direction is changed in a form where it is moved to the right or left by increasing/decreasing by the increased/decreased value setting the left end position of the change item as the start point.

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System and method for providing information of real estate

Patent Assignee: JEONG J C (JEON-I)

Inventor: JEONG J C

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Week Applicat No Kind Date Patent No Kind Date 200256 B Α 20000727 20020202 KR 200043235 KR 2002009779 A Α 20000727 20030206 KR 200043235 KR 371383 В

Priority Applications (No Type Date): KR 200043235 A 20000727

Patent Details:

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KR 2002009779 A 1 G06F-017/60

KR 371383 B G06F-017/60 Previous Publ. patent KR 2002009779

Abstract (Basic): KR 2002009779 A

NOVELTY - A system and method for providing information on real estate is provided to achieve the standardization of valuation for real estate by setting up common valuation items, by receiving valuation marks from a group assigned to evaluate the items, by processing data on the valuation marks in a determined form, and by providing the data processed to clients.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An evaluation server (10) includes an input unit (11), the first database (13), a valuation processing unit (14), the second database unit (15) and a transmission unit (12). The input unit (11) receives valuation marks on all sorts of evaluation items. The first database (13) respectively stores data on real estate valuation objects. In addition, the first database (13) stores data on the valuation marks inputted from the input unit (11). The valuation processing unit (14) estimates the final valuation mark. The second database unit (15) stores evaluation mark data on each real estate valuation object estimated from the valuation processing unit (14). The transmission unit (12) processes the valuation mark data of the second database unit (15) in a determined form and transmits the data to a client computer.

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Title Terms: SYSTEM; METHOD; INFORMATION; REAL; ESTATE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/60

File Segment: EPI

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Method for searching similar web site

Patent Assignee: LEE H K (LEEH-I)

Inventor: LEE H K

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No Kind Date Applicat No Kind Date Week KR 2001092922 A 20011027 KR 200015595 A 20000327 200224 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): KR 200015595 A, 20000327

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes

KR 2001092922 A 1 G06F-017/30

Abstract (Basic): KR 2001092922 A

NOVELTY - A method for searching a similar web site is provided to enable a user to search a web site similar to the web site with the user was familiar by enabling a web server to register URLs of web sites and search words and compare a URL the user inputs with an arbitrary search word, thereby enabling the web server to estimate the degree of similarity.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - A user wants to search a web site similar to a specific web site. The user inputs a URL of the site(10). A web server stores search words including rankings and weight values and makes the first search word group of the search words(12). The user inputs an arbitrary search word to an input window(14). The search word the user inputs is compared with the first search word group. It is judged whether the search term is repeated(16). In case that there's the repeated search word, the search word in the first search word group is removed(18). The search word inputted from the user is inserted into a relevant ranking(20). The second search word group is formed(22). A candidate web site is selected(24). Weight values are given to search words in the second search word group(26).

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Title Terms: METHOD; SEARCH; SIMILAR; WEB; SITE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

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XRPX Acc No: N02-128884

Target evaluation item position display system for strategic planning, displays data in portfolio map, corresponding to coordinate value computed for every extracted data set from management analysis database

Patent Assignee: SUMITOMO HEAVY IND LTD (SUMH)

Inventor: MIYAMAKI H; OZONO M; YAMAMOTO T

Number of Countries: 002 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

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JP 2001357197 A 20011226 JP 2000150087 A 20000522 200222 B
US 20020013720 A1 20020131 US 2001828900 A 20010410 200222

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 2000109740 A 20000411

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes

JP 2001357197 A 24 G06F-017/60 US 20020013720 A1 G06F-017/60

Abstract (Basic): JP 2001357197 A

NOVELTY - A management analysis server (14) extracts a specific data set from a management analysis database (17) storing data set comprising combination of several evaluation value according to various references, based on extraction conditions designated by the client (2). The coordinate value is computed for every extracted data set, and the data is displayed in a portfolio map, corresponding to the coordinate values.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for computer readable medium storing target for evaluation item position displaying program.

USE - For displaying position of target evaluation item in multidimensional space for strategic planning in enterprise management.

ADVANTAGE - Performs effective display of **position** of **target evaluation** item effectively.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows a block diagram of the target evaluation item position display system. (Drawing includes non-English language text).

Client (2)

Management analysis server (14)
Management analysis database (17)

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Title Terms: TARGET; EVALUATE; ITEM; POSITION; DISPLAY; SYSTEM; STRATEGY; PLAN; DISPLAY; DATA; PORTFOLIO; MAP; CORRESPOND; COORDINATE; VALUE; COMPUTATION; EXTRACT; DATA; SET; MANAGEMENT; ANALYSE; DATABASE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/60

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Composite word similarity judging system judges whether each single word of divided composite word is included in other composite word, based on which similarity between each single word in composite words is computed

Patent Assignee: NIPPON DENKI SOFTWARE KK (NIDE) Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

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JP 2001325292 A 20011122 JP 2000140800 A 20000512 200210 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 2000140800 A 20000512 Patent Details:
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Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes
JP 2001325292 A 11 G06F-017/30

Abstract (Basic): JP 2001325292 A

NOVELTY - An acquisition unit (22) produces word information list from a storage unit (31) for every single word of composite word which is divided into word level stored in a dictionary. A comparison unit (23) judges whether each single word of another composite word is

included in the word list. A decision unit (24) computes the similarity of composite words , based on evaluation value calculated by comparison result.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the

following:

(a) Word similarity judging method;

(b) Recorded medium storing composite word similarity judging program

USE - For judging similarity of composite word .

ADVANTAGE - Similarity evaluation between composite words is performed easily, by computing similarity for every word based on predetermined synonym information stored beforehand in word relationship dictionary storage unit.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the block diagram of composite word similarity judging system. (Drawing includes non-English language text).

Acquisition unit (22)

Comparison unit (23)

Decision unit (24)

Storage unit (31)

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Title Terms: COMPOSITE; WORD; SIMILAR; JUDGEMENT; SYSTEM; JUDGEMENT; SINGLE ; WORD; DIVIDE; COMPOSITE; WORD; COMPOSITE; WORD; BASED; SIMILAR; SINGLE; WORD; COMPOSITE; WORD; COMPUTATION

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

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Database management system in Internet, identifies data item which has attributes, values and weights similar with data item input to and the second s search system

Patent Assignee: HOMEPORTFOLIO INC (HOME-N)

Inventor: BECKER S; ROUSE R

Number of Countries: 094 Number of Patents: 003

Patent Family:

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Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 2000183709 P 20000218; US

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Based on patent WO 200161571 G06F-017/30 AU 200141604 A

Abstract (Basic): WO 200161571 A2

NOVELTY - Data items stored in a database (15) has several

associated attributes, which are logically linked to stored values and to weight for associated attributes. A search system (20) when input with a data item, identifies another data item which has attribute, values and associated weights similar with the input data items.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for database management method.

USE - For searching and retrieving data from computer database e.g. in Internet.

ADVANTAGE - Linking data attributes with relevant weightings increase the precision of search results and the usefulness of orders in which search results are presented.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the block diagram of attribute tagging and matching system of database management system.

Database (15) Search system (20)

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Title Terms: DATABASE; MANAGEMENT; SYSTEM; IDENTIFY; DATA; ITEM; ATTRIBUTE; VALUE; WEIGHT; SIMILAR; DATA; ITEM; INPUT; SEARCH; SYSTEM

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-007/00; G06F-017/30

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Purchase information providing method using Internet, involves receiving signal by activating specific icon by user based on which another set of icons is displayed to user

Patent Assignee: PROMOORDER.COM INC (PROM-N); GILES C W (GILE-I); GINDRUP T A (GIND-I)

Inventor: GILES C W; GINDRUP T A; HERERT D P; PASSINO A L

Number of Countries: 094 Number of Patents: 003

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Provisional application US 2000177868 Provisional application US 2000182701

Abstract (Basic): WO 200123989 A2

NOVELTY - Product promotional information is displayed as a set of

icons to the user and a signal initiated by the user by activating a specific icon. Another short-listed information is displayed as another set of icons to the user based on the received signal. Five words or less of text are displayed with each icon within both sets of icons as a description for promoting products.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the

following:

(a) Price information providing method;

(b) Digital representation of promotional item providing method;

(c) Method of using electronic ordering system;

(d) Promotional items ordering method;

(e) Price information obtaining/mathod;

(f) Item providing method;

(q) Database updating method

USE - For providing purchase information, items, orders and digital representations using electronic communication system e.g. Internet.

ADVANTAGE - Orders can be split between suppliers, supplier locations, or shipping locations. Financial arrangement for paying for orders are highly flexible and include mixed payments, customer access or automatic authorization notification. Various process segments are automated to reduce human interfacing in the ordering process.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the illustrations of views seen by a user while accessing information for promotional items.

pp; 49 DwgNo 3/17

Title Terms: PURCHASE; INFORMATION; METHOD; RECEIVE; SIGNAL; ACTIVATE;

SPECIFIC; USER; BASED; SET; DISPLAY; USER

Derwent Class: P85; T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-003/00; G09G-005/00

File Segment: EPI; EngPI

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WPI Acc No: 2000-348309/200030

XRPX Acc No: N00-260876

Density function for query terms for ranking the most relevant documents or fragments of documents and for breaking a tie in the

scoring of order elements of a list

Patent Assignee: INT BUSINESS MACHINES CORP (IBMC)

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No Kind Date Applicat No Kind Date Week RD 431186 A 20000310 RD 2000431186 A 20000220 200030 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): RD 2000431186 A 20000220

Patent Details:

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RD 431186 A 1 G06F-000/00

Abstract (Basic): RD 431186 A

NOVELTY - For each element in the hit list, its density function is computed, which in its simplest form is the reciprocal of the number of terms between the first and last terms which is part of the 'bag of words' submitted to a query. The larger the density, the higher a document should be ranked. The density function can be used to rank order elements of a list which have been scored equally by a different ranking algorithm and can also be used with other algorithms.

USE - Determining a set of documents satisfying a specific query.

ADVANTAGE - Percolating most relevant documents and passages to top
of the hit list.

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Title Terms: DENSITY; FUNCTION; QUERY; TERM; RANK; RELEVANT; DOCUMENT;

. FRAGMENT; DOCUMENT; BREAK; TIE; SCORE; ORDER; ELEMENT; LIST

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-000/00

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1999-517342/19\9943 XRPX Acc No: N99-384634

Food order fulfillment checking apparatus in quick service restaurant

Patent Assignee: FRANTZ H J (FRAN-I)

Inventor: FRANTZ H J

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No Kind Date Applicat No Kind Date Week 19990810 US 96762038 19961209 199943 B US 5937386 Α

Priority Applications (No Type Nate): US 96762/038 A 19961209

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes

US 5937386 6 G06F-153/0\0 Α

Abstract (Basic): US 5937386 A

NOVELTY - A food order comprising different customer selected menu items is input into a computer \mathbf{t} hro μ gh a point of sale register and to a food preparation area. The computer calculates and compares a total target weight specification for ordered items to total weight of bagged items by executing different programs, to verify proper fulfillment of the order.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - The/food\preparation area includes two substations for placing bagged orders in waiting queue and weighing bagged orders, respectively. The total target weight specification for the ordered food items is calculated based on predetermined weight specifications of each ordered food Atem . Separate program functions are designed for /execution by the processor of the computer for target weight specification calculation, storage of food order data and comparison between target and actual weights of bagged food items. An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for order fulfillment checking method.

USE - For checking order fulfillment of bagged food items in quick service restaurant.

ADVANTAGE - As the computer executed specially designed program function for checking contents of bagged food items, the restaurant personal are alerted by the computer system on detecting overweight or underweight condition of the packaged order, thereby preventing delivery of incomplete order to a customer and placing a wrong item in the bag of outgoing order. As the apparatus has a simple structure to check fulfillment of an order, the apparatus is eas? to install, operate, service and maintain and detects order inaccuracy to overcome inaccurate filling of order without extrahandling and heavy investment.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the diagrammatic

layout of food order fulfillment checking method.

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Title Terms: FOOD; ORDER; CHECK; APPARATUS; QUICK; SERVICE; RESTAURANT

Derwent Class: T01; T05

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-153/00

File Segment: EPI

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Image available 011047902 WPI Acc No: 1997-025826/199703 XRPX Acc No: N97-021641 Shared screen cursor shape switching method using information processing appts - includes step to erase directions mark shape of sub interactive person currently displayed when similar mark of other sub interactive person is operated Patent Assignee: HITACHI LTD (HITA) \ HITACHI SOFTWARE ENG CO LTD (HISF) Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001, Patent Family: Kind Date Week Applicat No Patent No Kind Date 19950418 199703 B 19961101 JP 9592205 JP 8286802 A Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP \$2205 A 19950418 ... Patent Details: Filing Notes Main IPC Patent No Kind Lan Pg A 6 G06F-003/02 JP 8286802 Abstract (Basic): JP 8286802 A The shared screen cursor shape switching method uses a direction mark of suitable shape for each interactive person. If the mark points to a specific point, the direction mark of the second speaker who specified the same point on each shared screen is displayed. The main interactive person always operates a direction mark. Regarding other sub interactive person, a specified sub interactive person is not allowed to operate a directions\mark while others operate the same. When the first interactive position terminates the operation of a direction mark it will be erased when other sub interactive person attempts to operate the directions mark. ADVANTAGE - Shares direction mark by common information processing system. Simplifies communication among different person. Dwq.2/4Title Terms: SHARE; SCREEN; CURSOR; SHAPE; SWITCH; METHOD; INFORMATION; PROCESS; APPARATUS; STEP; ERASE; DIRECTION; MARK; SHAPE; SUB; INTERACT; PERSON; CURRENT; DISPLAY; SIMILAR; MARK; SUB; INTERACT; PERSON; OPERATE Derwent Class: P85; T01 International Patent Class (Main): G06F-003/02 International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-013/00; G09G-005/08 File Segment: EPI; EngPI (Item 11 from file: 350) 22/5/17 DIALOG(R) File 350: Derwent WPIX (c) 2004 Thomson Derwent. All rts. reserv. **Image available** 010134010 WPI Acc No: 1995-035261/199505 XRPX Acc No: N95-027843 Computer based text classification method for large organisations - by parsing input text and deriving similarity scores for categories in knowledge base, thresholds then applied discarding least similar to keyword set Patent Assignee: DIGITAL EQUIP CORP (DIGI) Inventor: KANNAN N; REGISTER M S Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001 Patent Family: Applicat No Kind Date Week Patent No Kind Date 19941206 US 92855378 A 19920320 199505 B US 5371807 Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 92855378 A 19920320 Patent Details: Main IPC Filing Notes Patent No Kind Lan Pg

Abstract (Basic): US 5371807 A

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US 5371807

The method involves accepting as input natural language text, which is parsed into a first list of recognized keywords.

The first list is used to deduce further facts from the input text. The deduced facts are compiled into a second list. A numeric similarity score for categories in the knowledge base, with the natural language text is calculated.

A dynamic threshold is applied to determine which of the categories are most similar to the recognized **keywords** of the **first** list. This is based upon a **similarity score** of a most similar category, and a predefined threshold offset. The categories are based upon their **similarity scores** by discarding categories whose **similarity scores** are below the threshold value. The categories determined to be most similar in the previous step are compiled into a third list. The first list, the second list and the third list are passed to an external application.

USE/ADVANTAGE - For e.g. database searches. High accuracy of method. High performance especially over time.

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Title Terms: COMPUTER; BASED; TEXT; CLASSIFY; METHOD; PARSE; INPUT; TEXT; DERIVATIVE; SIMILAR; SCORE; CATEGORY; BASE; THRESHOLD; APPLY; DISCARDED; SIMILAR; KEYWORD; SET

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06K-009/72

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-015/38

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1994-092588/199411

XRPX Acc No: N94-072529

Method of using electronic dictionary - involves preliminarily defining letter weight numbers individually corresp. to alphanumeric symbols and position weight numbers individually corresp. to letter positions in any word

Patent Assignee: SHARP KK (SHAF)

Inventor: SAITO K

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Kind Date Week Patent No Kind Date Applicat No 199411 B A 19940322 A 19860926 us 86912530 US 5297038 Α 19880422 US 88186721 Α 19881221 US 88289485 US 90463813 Α 19900116 US 91646358 Α 19910125

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 8615342 A 19860127; JP 85215691 A 19850927; JP 867712 A 19860116

Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC US 5297038 A 9 G06F-015/40

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Cont of application US 86912530 Cont of application US 88186721 Cont of application US 88289485 CIP of application US 90463813

Abstract (Basic): US 5297038 A

The method involves defining the letter weight and position weight numbers and obtaining a work-representing hash value for each of given words to be stored by sequentially calculating letter-representing hash values of individual letters of each given word from both the letter and position weight numbers respectively corresponding to the individual letters and a predefined divisor and by adding the sequentially calculated letter-representing hash values. The obtained work-representing hash values are then sequentially arranged in numerical order separately for even-letter words and odd-letter words.

The method further involves dividing each of the word-representing hash values into an index section represented by high digits of it and a data section represented by lower digits of it. Groups of the word-representing hash values are formed according to the index sections separately for even-letter words and odd-letter words. Numbers of the work-representing has values are then stored in groups. Addresses of the **first word** -representing hash values are also calculated and stored in the groups.

ADVANTAGE - Electronic dictionary which can be searched efficiently for e.g. spell-check purpose.

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Title Terms: METHOD; ELECTRONIC; DICTIONARY; PRELIMINARY; DEFINE; LETTER; WEIGHT; NUMBER; INDIVIDUAL; CORRESPOND; ALPHANUMERIC; SYMBOL; POSITION; WEIGHT; NUMBER; INDIVIDUAL; CORRESPOND; LETTER; POSITION; WORD

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-015/40

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1984-121655/198420

XRPX Acc No: N84-090046

Microcomputer system data transfer controller - uses comparison of register positions obtained from transfer command and control command

Patent Assignee: SIEMENS AG (SIEI)

Inventor: BONING W

Number of Countries: 006 Number of Patents: 005

Patent Family:

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US 4635191	А	19870106	US 83546894	A	19831031	198704	
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Patent Details:

Patent No Kind Lan Pg Main IPC Filing Notes

DE 3241402 A 22

EP 110199 A G

Designated States (Regional): AT DE FR GB IT

EP 110199 B G

Designated States (Regional): AT DE FR GB IT

Abstract (Basic): EP 110199 A

Method for controlling the data transfer between a data transmitter and a data receiver on a bus, using a control unit which is connected to the bus and which controls the data transfer in dependence on a channel program stored in a memory and

containing transfer commands and control commands, characterised in that, after termination or interruption of the processing of a transfer command, the cause identifying the termination or the interruption of the data transfer is set in corresponding register positions (BC, ET, MA, VE) of a first register (RG1), that, in order to determine whether a conditional control command (ST) following the transfer command is to be executed, the register positions allocated to the first register (RG1) are written in from the conditional control command (ST) in a second register

(RG2), and that the mutually associated register positions of the first and second register are compared with one another and the conditional control command is executed with a positive result of the comparison and the command of the channel program following the

conditional control command is executed with a negative result of the comparison.

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DE 3241402 A

The controller is coupled to the data bus to control data transfer according to a stored channel programme containing a transfer command and a control command. The transfer command is processed and the end result is used for selecting a register position in a first register. The control command is then entered in a given position in a second register corresponding to the position of the first register.

The two register positions are compared via an operation multiplexer of a sequencer control which provides the control command or the following command after this in the channel programme.

Title Terms: MICROCOMPUTER; SYSTEM; DATA; TRANSFER; CONTROL; COMPARE; REGISTER; POSITION; OBTAIN; TRANSFER; COMMAND; CONTROL; COMMAND

Derwent Class: T01; W01

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-003/04; G06F-009/22;

G06F-013/00 ; H04L-025/02

File Segment: EPI

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DIALOG(R) File 350: Derwent WPIX

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WPI Acc No: 1978-J7709A/197844

Transmitter for data between memory stores - has variable word data recorded in state marked off by positioning codes

Patent Assignee: CASIO COMPUTER CO LTD (CASK)

Inventor: KASHIO T

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No Kind Date Applicat No Kind Date Week
US 4103334 A 19780725 197844 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 75125870 A 19751021

Abstract (Basic): US 4103334 A

A device for controlling the handling of data has a main memory for storing a large number of record data items in a state marked off by record-positioning codes. The data items are formed of series- arranged words of variable length, each containing characters marked off by word - positioning codes. A processing memory of matrix type is formed of columns containing words each having characters falling within a specified range, and rows, and stores at least one record data item read-out of the main memory.

Characters constituting the foremost word data item are written in a row. Upon detection of a word positioning code immediately following the foremost word data item, the succeeding word data item is written in an adjacent row. Read-out of data items from the main memory is ended when a record-positioning code following the last word data item of each row is detected.

Title Terms: TRANSMIT; DATA; MEMORY; STORAGE; VARIABLE; WORD; DATA; RECORD; STATE; MARK; POSITION; CODE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-013/00

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(JP)
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  Abstract: Previous work addressing the issue of word distribution in
documents (D. Beeferman et al., 1997; S.M. Katz, 1996) has shown the
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importance of
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a measure of the tendency of words to repeat within a document to separate
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Retrieval task; performance improvements
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 Title: Named entity extraction for information retrieval
  Author(s): Hsin-Hsi Chen; Yung-Wei Ding; Shih-Chung Tsai
  Author Affiliation: Dept. of Comput. Sci. & Inf. Eng., Nat. Taiwan Univ.,
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   Language: English
   Treatment: Practical (P)
  Abstract: Name extraction is indispensable for both natural language
 understanding and information retrieval. However, proper names are major
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unknown words in natural language texts, and unknown word identification is still a challenging problem in natural language processing. We deal with identification of person names, organization names and location names from Chinese texts. Different types of information from different levels of text are employed, including character conditions, statistical information, titles, punctuation marks, organization and location keywords, speech-act and locative verbs, cache and n-gram model. We also clarify which strategies can be used in which cases, i.e., queries and/or documents. In our experiments, the recall rates and the precision rates for the extraction of person names, organization names, and location names under MET data are (87.33%, 82.33%), (76.67%, 79.33%) and (77.00%, 82.00%), respectively. (23 Refs)

Subfile: C

Descriptors: information retrieval; natural languages

Identifiers: named entity extraction; information retrieval; natural language understanding; unknown word identification; person names; organization names; location names; Chinese text; statistical information; n-gram model; speech-act; experiments; recall rates; precision rates; MET data

Class Codes: C7250R (Information retrieval techniques); C6180N (Natural language processing)

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DIALOG(R) File 2: INSPEC

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5196812 INSPEC Abstract Number: C9604-0230-015

Title: Disintermediation and the Internet

Author(s): Gellman, R.

Journal: Government Information Quarterly vol.13, np.1 p.1-8

Publisher: JAI Press,

Publication Date: 1996 Country of Publication: UK

CODEN: GIQUEU ISSN: 0740-624X

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Material Identity Number: H567-960 1

Language: English Document Type: \Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: General, Review (G)

Abstract: Significant changes in existing institutions are resulting from the information superhighway. Change hs inevitable, and I offer a way of at the Internet (a convenient proxy for whatever form the network ultimately takes) and some of the changes that it is The theme is that the internet is a mechanism for looking computer producing. "disintermediation" (i.e. the removal of an intermediary between the information and the end-user). This concept does not explain everything that is happening, but it will help to identify why some existing institutions will fail as a result, and way some individuals are so uncomfortable with the new technology. The few examples I give do not exhaust the disintermediative effects of the Internet. Banks and banking services are undergoing more changes because of interactive communications. Some jobs have already been charged by telecommuting. It seems likely that there will be significant restructuring of education as well. There may be repercussions for /marketers , retailers and many similar institutions. Students and Asers of modern computer networks would do well to consider the effects pf disintermediation when assessing the future consequences of the Interpet. In contemplating the social, political and economic effects of networks, it is important to understand what is being changed and how existing institutions are likely to be affected. Whoever you are and whatever you do, there is a good chance that there will be some disintermediation in your future. How you adjust to it and whether it is good or bad will be up to you. It is not too early to prepare. (O Refs)

Subfile: C

Descriptors: Internet; politics; socio-economic effects

Identifiers: disintermediation; Internet; information superhighway; change; intermediary removal; institutional failure; banking services; interactive communications; telecommuting; educational restructuring;

marketers; retailers; computer networks, social effects; political effects; economic effects; future

Class Codes: C0230 (Economic, social and political aspects of computing) ; C5620W (Other computer networks); C7210 (Information services and centres)

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Abstract: In this paper, we present a novel technique that can be used for fast similarity-based indexing and retrieval of both image and video databases in distributed environments. We assume that image or video databases are stored in the compressed form using standard techniques such as JPEG for images, and M-JPEG or MPEG for videos. The existing techniques, proposed in the literature, use computationally intensive features and cost functions for content-based image and video retrieval and indexing. The proposed algorithm uses an innovative approach based on histograms of DC coefficients only, and therefore is computationally less expensive than the other approaches. In the case of a JPEG-compressed image database, the query process is the following. The user submits a request for search -by-similarity by presenting the desired image. The algorithm calculates the DC coefficients of this image and creates the histogram of DC coefficients. Then, the algorithm compares the DC histogram of the submitted image with the DC histograms of the images stored in the database using a histogram similarity metric. The image database can be local or at a remote server. In our experiments, we compared several histogram similarity metrics: weighted Euclidean distance, square difference, and absolute difference. The algorithm then selects and presents to the user the images with the smallest values of the metric that best match the submitted image. In the case of a compressed video database, the similarity-based indexing and retrieval is more complex. The manipulation of a video database consists of three main operations: (1) partitioning of the video into clips, (2) key frame extraction, and (3) indexing and retrieval of key frames. The proposed algorithm has been applied in all three steps. First, the DC histograms are implemented for partitioning each video into clips or camera shots. Then, in the next phase the same DC histograms are used to extract key frames and create a database of key frames only. Finally, in the last step, the user submits one or more video frames that he/she is searching for. We implemented the described algorithm for similarity-based retrieval to both image and video databases. The experimental results, presented in the paper, show that the proposed algorithm can be very efficient for similarity-based search of images and videos in distributed environments, such as Internet, Intranets, or local-area networks. 7 Refs.

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The constraint database model has recently been proposed as a promising framework to model continuous variables and therefore images and spaces. Constraint databases are being increasingly used to solve spatial problems. This dissertation presents further advances on the use of the constraint data model in the context of similarity retrieval.

Similarity-based retrieval is an important task in many spatial and image database applications. Given a representation scheme, it is necessary to employ some measure to determine the visual or spatial similarity of the objects. Spatial similarity is complex due to the numerous constraining properties of spatial objects and their embedding in space. We propose a new method to measure the similarities between two 2-dimensional spatial scenes that are composed of spatial objects, which are a set of points, line segments or polygons.

We also investigate high-level database change operations that allow users to be concerned only with the new information they want to insert into the database and to leave the burden of resolving inconsistencies between the new and the old data to the database system. The principle of minimal change states that the result of adding the new information to a database should be the set of models of the new information that is closest to some possible models in the current database. Constructing similarity measure between spatial scenes allows us to study the change operations for constraint databases in terms of model-theoretic minimal change. We define several change operators based on the proposed similarity measure, and study the characteristics of these operators.

Algorithms that implement the similarity queries and change operators are introduced. Analysis of the computational complexities of the algorithms shows that an efficient PTIME evaluation of similarity queries and several types of change operations in linear constraint databases is possible. We also describe and analyze experimental investigations on how well the similarity measures agree with human intuition. Finally, we describe the implementation of similarity queries within the MLPQ/GIS system.

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Previous work addressing the issue of word distribution in documents shows the importance of word repetitiveness as an indicator of the word content-bearing characteristics. Proposes a simple method using a measure of the tendency of words to repeat within a document to separate the words with similar document frequencies, but different topic discriminating characteristics. Describes the application of the new measure in query-document relevance scoring. Experiments on the TREC Ad Hoc and Spoken Document Retrieval tasks show useful performance improvements.

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